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**Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department**

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**Circular**

Eco Sensitive Zones (ESZs) are notified around Protected Areas (PAs) to provide required buffer. ESZs have already been notified for many PAs while for many others, the process of notifying ESZs is in various stages.

After notification of ESZ, Zonal Master Plan (ZMP) is supposed to be prepared and published to provide guidance for taking up various economic activities in these areas. Preparation and publication of ZMPs for few ESZs has been done and for others, it is in various stages.

Reference are being received regarding regulation of activities in ESZs, which have been notified but for which ZMPs have not been finalized as well as those where ESZs are yet to be notified and thus have default width of 10 kms.

The matter has been examined and to provide required clarity, following guidelines are hereby issued:

1. For PAs for which ESZs notification have been issued but ZMPs are yet to be finalized:

Notifications for ESZs use words “existing” and “new” with respect to hotels, resorts etc. It is hereby clarified that such hotels, resorts, etc. would be considered “existing”, which are having any of the following documents prior to date of issue of notification for that ESZ:-

- (i) Electricity connection for non-agricultural use.
- (ii) Approval by Tourism Department as tourism unit.
- (iii) Conversion order/ Patta for non-agricultural use.
- (iv) Building plan approval.
- (v) Order regarding change in land use.
- (vi) Proof of deposit of tax as hotel, resort, etc.
- (vii) CTE/ CTO/ Environmental clearance.

Hotels, resorts, etc. which don't have any of these documents prior to the date of issue of notification for that ESZ would be considered “new”.



2. PAs for which ESZ is yet to be notified:

These are cases where default ESZ is 10 km around PA. ESZ notification for such PAs would be issued only after the issue of this Circular. Such notifications for ESZs are also likely to have classification of hotels, resorts, etc. in two categories– “new” and “existing”. Accordingly it is clarified that such hotels, resorts, etc. in the area of default ESZ of such PAs may be considered “existing”, which have any of the seven categories of documents listed in this Circular, issued prior to the date of issue of this circular or the date of issue of notification for that ESZ, whichever is later.

Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board and District Monitoring Committee of ESZs shall use this guidance for deciding and regulation of cases of these categories in ESZs.

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